



**The Point:**

Your Christian walk should be one of work and trembling

**The Outline:**

A Walk of Work

- Work out = obedience
- Don't grumble
  - OT backdrop
  - Current significance
- Shining in Darkness

A Walk of Trembling

- Why people 'fear and tremble' in the Bible
- What God does in us

**RELATE:**

-If there was one person in your childhood that you were most likely to obey... who would that be? Why is that?

**REFLECT:**

-What most encouraged, instructed or troubled you about the message this week?

-How can the words of 2:12 be dangerous for a person to read if they don't understand the whole of scripture?

-Read Romans 11:5-6; Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Timothy 1:9; and Titus 3:4-5. What kind of principles do you see in these passages related to 'working out' your salvation?

-Why do you think God might care to mention grumbling in this text? If a person obeys and does the right things, should grumbling matter? Why or why not?



-As you think about the Old Testament stories about the grumbling of the people of Israel, what is most striking to you (Numbers 14:1-3)?

-Do you think it would be helpful for a church to compare itself to the wilderness generation of Israel (Numbers 14:1-3) in this area? If so, in what ways?

-What is the most likely part of your life for grumbling to begin and thrive? What is the most likely part of your life in the church for grumbling to begin and thrive?

-Respond to this statement “All grumbling is grumbling against God”.

-It was stated in the sermon that through Scripture, light is symbolic of God’s presence, holiness and revelation. If this is true, then what could Paul mean in v15?

-When you think of ‘being a light’ as a Christian... what comes to your mind?

-If you were to rate the ‘level of light’ of Indian Trail Church, what would it be (try a 1-10 scale, with 10 being brightest)? Why did you pick this number... what plays into your evaluation either positive or negative?



-If you were to rate the 'level of light' in your own life, what would it be (try a 1-10 scale, with 10 being brightest)? Why did you pick this number... what plays into your evaluation either positive or negative?

-How is the meaning of 'fear and tremble' different here than you might expect?

-If you needed to explain from this passage God's role in your walk as a Christian, and your own role... how would you put the two together?

-How could this be an encouragement to the people of God?

## RESPOND:

- Thank God for His great work in you, your brothers and sisters in Christ, and the church as a whole
- Ask Him to reveal ways in which you have, or are continuing to harbor a spirit of grumbling
- Pray that God would empower you to walk as light in a dark world, advancing the gospel and making disciples.

-Local Focus: Pray for Suncrest Family Worship Center, and their pastor Barth Orth. SFWC is working through a series on marriage right now, and we can ask that God would bring hope and healing to many marriages. Also pray that God would provide the needed fellowship among the believers there to foster growth as husbands and wives who reflect the glory of Christ's covenant.